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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health home page](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Adams County

In May 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credential of dental hygienist **Angie Mendez** (DH00006546) for at least two years. Mendez didn't comply with an agreement to be enrolled in the Washington Health Professional Services monitoring program.

Clark County

In May 2013 the Medical Commission dismissed a case against physician **Susan Zulke Hughes** (MD00031541). Allegations that Zulke Hughes committed unprofessional conduct were unproven.

Cowlitz County

In May 2013 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential nursing assistant-certified and health care assistant **Kendra Nicole Disspain** (NC10081597 and HC60068115). Disspain didn't comply with terms and conditions in a Stipulation to Informal Disposition entered on October 16, 2012.

Grays Harbor County

In May 2013 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission dismissed a case against physician and surgeon **Barbara L. Givens** (MD00031955). Allegations of unprofessional conduct against Givens were unproven.

King County

In May 2013 **Tina N. Hoang** (DE00008580) voluntarily surrendered her credential to practice as a dentist in the state of Washington to the Department of Health's Dental Commission. Hoang failed to report the termination of her Core Provider Agreement with the Department of Social and Health Services to the Department of Health.

In May 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credential of massage practitioner **Peter J. Hunzinger** (MA00024038) for at least two years. Hunzinger was found to have touched a patient in a sexual manner during a massage therapy session.

In May 2013 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of nursing assistant **Sundae Renee Jones** (NA60170026), who a vulnerable adult under her care and supervision at risk of harm.

In May 2013 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of registered nurse **Michael Raul Mizumori** (RN60024343) for at least two years. Mizumori didn't comply with an agreement to participate in the Washington Health Professional Services monitoring program.

In May 2013 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission suspended the credential of physician **Jonathan V. Wright** (MD00011394) for 90 days beginning June 16, 2013. Wright failed to furnish papers, documents, or records requested by the state and aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of medicine.

In May 2013 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a cease-and-desist order on **Jenny B. Zheng** from engaging in any and all conduct constituting the practice of massage unless she first obtains the requisite health care credential or otherwise meets and exception.

In May 2013 **Jay Richard Parker** (CP00002951) agreed to surrender his credential as a chemical dependency professional to the secretary of health. Parker practiced beyond the scope of his chemical dependency professional credential and made diagnoses he was not licensed to make and billed for therapy he was not licensed to provide.

Kittitas County

In May 2013 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **James Carey Grove** (RN60184741). Grove's license to practice as a registered nurse was revoked in California after he was convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol.

Pierce County

In May 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credential of nursing assistant registered and nursing assistant certified **Brianna Marie Sheppard** (NA60108864 and NC60123100) for at least two years. The Department of Social and Health Services found that Sheppard abused vulnerable adults in her care. She is prohibited from being employed in the care of, or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

In May 2013 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of registered nurse **Jennifer R. Woodard-Boatright** (RN00177080) for at least two years. Woodard-Boatright didn't comply with an agreement to enroll and participate in the Washington Health Professional Services (WHPS) program.

Snohomish County

In May 2013 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of nursing assistant **Cesar V. Valera** (NA60193971) for at least five years. Valera allegedly touched a patient's breasts while working as a caregiver at Good Samaritan, an adult family home. The Department of Social and Health Services issued a finding of abuse and neglect against Valera.

In May 2013 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of nursing assistant **Lalaine C. Valera** (NC10088361) for at least two years. Valera while working as a nursing assistant and running Good Samaritan, an adult family home, she failed to report allegations that her husband had touched a patient living in the adult family home she ran and the Department of Social and Health Services issued an initial finding of abuse and neglect against her. Valera has surrendered her license from DSHS to provide adult family home care and is restricted from being employed in a position that involves the care of vulnerable adults or be in a position that allows her unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Spokane County

In May 2013 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of practical nurse **Sara E. Dees** (LP00051647) for at least two years. Dees fainted while on-duty as a licensed practical nurse working at an assisted living facility in Spokane. She was rushed to the emergency room where it was determined she was intoxicated and had a blood-alcohol level of 0.43.

Thurston County

In May 2013 the Secretary of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of nursing assistant **Lydia Calma Corpuz** (NA00050667). The adult family home owned and operated by Corpuz has been cited by the Department of Social and Health Services for several violations including not having enough staff on duty to meet the needs of one of the residents, and not protecting a resident's personal dignity.

Walla Walla County

In May 2013 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the credential of registered nurse **Melissa R. Metcalf** (RN00146003) pending further proceedings. Metcalf surrendered her

credential to practice as a registered nurse in Oregon after it was determined she was subject to discipline for failing to comply with an order of the Oregon Board of Nursing.

Out of State

Oregon: In May 2013 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Christopher Lee Carlson** (RN60046603). Carlson's license to practice as a registered nurse was revoked in Oregon for failing to cooperate with the Oregon State Board of Nursing during an investigation and exhibiting psychological impairment. Carlson may petition for reinstatement of his credential when he is eligible to petition for his Oregon credential and when a federal criminal case he is involved with is resolved.

Indiana: In May 2013 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of physician and surgeon **Lea Ann Marlow, MD** (MD60202294). Both the Medical Licensing Board of Indiana and the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure have suspended Marlow's licenses to practice medicine.

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